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1. I DISCUSSED MAY 17 WITH ROYAL DIWAN CHIEF SHARAF WEDDING ARRANGEMENTS NOW BEING FIRMED UP FOR KING HUSSEIN/LISA HALABY WEDDING.

2. HSARAF SAID KING HAD NOT YET SET DATE FOR WEDDING BUT IT IS EXPECTED SOON. (LISA'S FATHER NAJEEB HALABY TOLD ME CONFIDENTIALLY MAY 17 HE THINKS WEDDING WILL BE SOMETIME IN EARLY JUNE).

3. SHARAF SAID KWNG IS NOT AT THIS POINT PLANNING A LARGE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIR. CURRENT THINKING IS TO HAVE A ONE-DAY CELEBRATION WITH AN OFFICIAL RECEPTION AT RAGHADAN PALACE, WITH ATTADENCE OF GOVERNMENT AND DIPLOMATIC OFFICIALS AND CLOSE FRIENDS OF THE FAMILY. SHARAF CAUTIONED HOWEVER THAT NO DEFINITE DECISION MADE YET BY KING AND DETAILS COULD CHANGE. HE SUGGESTED I CONTACT CHIEF OF PROTOCOL HIKMAT IN A COUPLE OF DAYS FOR MORE DEFINITE DETAILS.

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4. I HAVE SENT LETTER OF PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS ON ENGAGEMENT TO KING HUSSEIN AND ALSO CONGRATULATED NAJEEB HALABY PERSONALLY.

5. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER SENDING OF PERSONAL GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY ON ENGAGEMENT NOW, AS WELL AS FOR WEDDING LATER. FACT THAT OUR FELLOW AMERICAN

MISS HALABY IS ABOUT TO BECOME KING HUSSEIN'S WIFE
WOULD CERTAINLY ARGUE FOR A SPECIAL GESTURE ON OUR
PART TO KING, WITH WHOM WE HAVE SUCH CLOSE RELATIONS.
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